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	<u>DENTAL MEDICINE</u>	<u>OPTOMETRY</u>	<u>PHARMACY</u>	<u>VETERINARY MEDICINE</u>
<i>Professional Association</i>	ADEA American Dental Education Association	ASCO Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry	AACP American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy	AAVMC Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
<i>Standardized Exam</i>	Dental Admission Test (DAT)	Optometry Admission Test (OAT)	Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT)	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
<i>When the exam is offered</i>	Year-round	Year-round	Testing windows in Jan, Feb, Mar, July, Sept, and Oct	Several times per month, year round
<i>Exam fee</i>	\$495	\$500	\$210	\$205
<i>Exam fee assistance URL</i>	DAT Fee Waiver	OAT Fee Waiver	N/A	GRE Fee Reduction Program
<i>School / Program Info</i>	Deciding where to apply	ASCO Map	PharmCAS School Directory	AAVMC Member Map
<i>Centralized Application Service (CAS)</i>	ADEA AADSAS Associated American Dental Schools Application Service	OptomCAS Optometry Centralized Application Service	PharmCAS Pharmacy College Application Service	VMCAS Veterinary Medical College Application Service
<i># CAS Participating Schools</i>	65 US and 4 Canadian programs. 4 Texas schools participate in TMDAS	23 of 23 programs participate in OptomCAS .	156 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly .	29 US, 2 Canadian, and 7 international colleges
<i>CAS Opening & Submission Dates</i>	Opens: May 2021 Submit: June 2021	June 30, 2021	July 14 2021	Opens: Jan 2021 Submit: May 2021
<i>Deadlines</i>	Latest are February	December through May	Priority Decision: as early as October; Regular Deadlines: November through June	September
<i>Letters</i>	Individual evaluations and/or committee letter/packet submitted electronically through ADEA AADSAS.	Up to four individual online evaluations submitted through OptomCAS.	Up to four Individual letters submitted electronically through PharmCAS.	Individual and/or committee recommendations submitted electronically through VMCAS
<i>Transcripts</i>	Official transcripts should be sent to ADEA AADSAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to OptomCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to PharmCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to VMCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended
<i>Primary Application Fee</i>	\$251 for first program \$108 for each additional	\$180 for first program \$70 for each additional	\$175 for first program \$55 for each additional	\$220 for first program \$120 for each additional
<i>Fee Assistance Information</i>	Covers three schools; limited quantity	Some programs provide coupon codes	Covers single application; limited quantity	Limited quantity of fee waivers available
<i>Application Service Contact Info</i>	617-612-2045 aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org	617-612-2888 optomcasinfo@optomcas.org	617-612-2050 info@pharmcas.org	617-612-2884 vmcasinfo@vmcas.org

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	<u>ALLOPATHIC MEDICINE</u>	<u>MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VETERINARY – TEXAS SCHOOLS</u>	<u>OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE</u>	<u>PODIATRIC MEDICINE</u>
Professional Association	AAMC Association of American Medical Colleges	TMSAS is an application service for medical, dental, and veterinary applicants to apply to schools in Texas. See the corresponding profession profile for profession-specific information.	AACOM American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine	AACPM American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
Standardized Exam	<u>Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)</u>		<u>Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)</u>	<u>Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)</u>
When the exam is offered	Eight months a year, 2-5 dates per month: January, March-September		Eight months a year, 2-5 dates per month: January, March-September	Eight months a year, 2-5 dates per month: January, March-September
Exam fee	\$310		\$310	\$310
Exam fee assistance URL	AAMC Fee Assistance		AAMC Fee Assistance	AAMC Fee Assistance
School / Program Info	AAMC Member Directory	AACOM Member List	AACPM Member List	
Centralized Application Service (CAS)	AMCAS American Medical College Application Service	TMSAS Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service	AACOMAS American Assoc. of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service	AACPMAS American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Application Service
# CAS Participating Schools	144 US and 7 Canadian medical schools. Texas schools participate in TMSAS.	10 medical, 3 dental and 1 veterinary school	All DO programs except UNTHSC-TCOM, which is part of TMSAS	All 9 schools and colleges
CAS Opening & Submission Dates	Opens: May 2021 Submit: May 2021	May 2021	May 2021	August 2021
Deadlines	August through December	Varies by program	Dec 2021 - April 2022	April through June
Letters	Individual letters and/or committee letter submitted electronically through AMCAS.	Medical & Dental: Individual and/or committee letter to TMSAS. Vet: TAMU form to TMSAS.	Individual letters and/or committee letter submitted electronically through AACOMAS or directly to schools (check school specific requirements).	Up to three individual online evaluations submitted through AACPMAS.
Transcripts	Official transcripts should be sent to AMCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to TMSAS for any US / Canadian college/ university attended	Official transcripts should be sent to AACOMAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to AACPMAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended
Primary Application Fee	\$170 for first school \$42 for each additional	\$200 flat fee	\$197 for first program \$48 for each additional	\$185 for first program \$50-65 for each additional
Fee Assistance Information	AAMC Fee Assistance Program (FAP) covers AMCAS fees for 20 school designations.	None	Covers single application; limited quantity	None
Application Service Contact Info	202-828-0600 amcas@aamc.org	512-499-4786 info@tmsas.com	617-612-2889 aacomasinfo@lasioncas.com	617-612-1900 aacpmasinfo@aacpmas.org

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	<u>AUDIOLOGY</u>	<u>PHYSICAL THERAPY</u>	<u>NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE</u>	<u>CHIROPRACTIC</u>
Professional Association	ASHA American Speech-Language Hearing Association	APTA American Physical Therapy Association	AANMC Assoc. of Naturopathic Medicine Colleges	ACC Association of Chiropractic Colleges
Standardized Exam	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
When the exam is offered	Several times per month, year round	Several times per month, year round	Several times per month, year round	Several times per month, year round
Exam fee	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205
Exam fee assistance URL	GRE Fee Reduction Program	GRE Fee Reduction Program	GRE Fee Reduction Program	GRE Fee Reduction Program
School / Program Info	CAPCSD Program Directory	PTCAS Program Directory	AANMC Member List	Discover Chiropractic Map
Centralized Application Service (CAS)	CSDCAS Communication Sciences & Disorders Centralized Application Service	PTCAS Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service	NDCAS Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Centralized Application Service	N/A – Apply to schools directly
# CAS Participating Schools	52 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.	281 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.	4 out of 7 total programs. Apply to other programs directly.	
CAS Opening & Submission Dates	July 15, 2021	June 15, 2021	September 9, 2021	
Deadlines	April for Fall start	October through May	Varies	
Letters	Three to five individual online evaluations submitted through CSDCAS.	Up to five individual references submitted electronically through PTCAS.	Three to five individual letters submitted electronically through NDCAS.	
Transcripts	Official transcripts should be sent to CSDCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to PTCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to NDCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	
Primary Application Fee	\$133 for first program \$53 for each additional	\$155 for first program \$60 for each additional	\$115 for first program \$40 for each additional (2020)	
Fee Assistance Information	Fee assistance information	Fee assistance information	n/a	
Application Service Contact Info	617-612-2030 csdcasinfo@csdcas.org	617-612-2040 ptcasinfo@ptcas.org	617-612-2950 ndcasinfo@ndcas.org	

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<i>Professional Association</i>	NATA National Athletic Trainers Association	CCAOM Council of Colleges of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine	AOTA American Occupational Therapy Association	ASHA American Speech-Language Hearing Association
<i>Standardized Exam</i>	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)		Graduate Record Exam (GRE)	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
<i>When the exam is offered</i>	Several times per month, year round		Several times per month, year round	Several times per month, year round
<i>Exam fee</i>	<u>\$205</u>		<u>\$205</u>	<u>\$205</u>
<i>Exam fee assistance URL</i>	GRE Fee Reduction Program		GRE Fee Reduction Program	GRE Fee Reduction Program
<i>School / Program Info</i>	CAATE Program Directory	CCAOM Member Directory	AOTA School Directory	ASHA EdFind Program Directory
<i>Centralized Application Service (CAS)</i>	ATCAS Athletic Training Centralized Application Service	N/A – Apply to schools directly	OTCAS Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service	CSDCAS Communication Sciences & Disorders Centralized Application Service
<i># CAS Participating Schools</i>	160 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.		104 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.	245 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.
<i>CAS Opening & Submission Dates</i>	June 30, 2021		mid July 2021	July 15, 2021
<i>Deadlines</i>			June	November through April for Fall start
<i>Letters</i>			Three to five individual letters submitted electronically through OTCAS.	Three to five individual online evaluations submitted through CSDCAS
<i>Transcripts</i>	Official transcripts should be sent to ATCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended		OTCAS requires an official copy of your transcript for each U.S. and Canadian institution attended	Official transcripts should be sent to CSDCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended
<i>Primary Application Fee</i>	\$90 for the first program \$55 for each additional		\$150 for first program \$65 for each additional (2020)	\$133 for first program \$53 for each additional
<i>Fee Assistance Information</i>	Fee assistance information		Fee assistance information	Fee assistance information
<i>Application Service Contact Info</i>	617-612-2075 atcasinfo@atcas.org		617-612-2860 otcasinfo@otcas.org	617-612-2030 csdcasinfor@csdcas.org

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Professional Association	AACN American Association of Colleges of Nursing	PAEA Physician Assistant Education Association	ASPPH Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health
Standardized Exam	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)	Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
When the exam is offered	Several times per month, year round	Several times per month, year round	Several times per month, year round
Exam fee	\$205	\$205	\$205
Exam fee assistance URL	GRE Fee Reduction Program	GRE Fee Reduction Program	GRE Fee Reduction Program
School / Program Info	AACN Member Program Directory	PAEA Program Directory	ASPPH Academic Program Finder
Centralized Application Service (CAS)	NursingCAS Nursing's Centralized Application Service	CASPA Central Application Service for Physician Assistants	SOPHAS The centralized application service for schools & programs of public health
# CAS Participating Schools	270 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.	289 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.	104 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.
CAS Opening & Submission Dates	Aug 30, 2020 for Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2022	April 29, 2021	August 2021
Deadlines	Varies by program	June 2021 through March 2022	Varies by program
Letters	Individual references submitted through NursingCAS.	Individual online evaluations submitted through CASPA	Three to five individual online recommendations submitted through SOPHAS
Transcripts	Official transcripts should be sent to NursingCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to CASPA by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended	Official transcripts should be sent to SOPHAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended
Primary Application Fee	Undergrad: \$55 for first, \$40 each additional Grad: \$75 for first, \$45 each additional	\$179 for first program \$55 for each additional	\$140 for first program \$50 for each additional (2020)
Fee Assistance Information	Fee assistance information	Fee assistance information	Fee assistance information
Application Service Contact Info	617-612-2880 nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org	617-612-2080 caspainfo@caspaonline.org	617-612-2090 sophasinfo@liaisoncas.com

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